



Dear School District of Washington,

We are emailing our families to provide an update regarding the School District of Washington's COVID19 Safe Return to School Plan. Along with all districts throughout the state, we received an email today from Attorney General Eric Schmitt concerning the court ruling in Cole County, Missouri, impacting COVID procedures in Missouri schools. The School District of Washington is working with our legal counsel to assess the next steps with our elected Board of Education as it pertains to the Attorney General's message based on the order's effect date of December 23, 2021.

Based on the Special Board meeting called on December 2, 2021, the Board of Education determined we would continue with the approved [Safe Return to School Plan](#), which will be reviewed at our next meeting on December 15, 2021.

Please know that we will communicate with parents and staff any changes to existing COVID19 protocols as soon as they are available. The District and the Board of Education are aware of the importance of the court ruling and equally mindful of the need to be prudent and thoughtful before making any changes to our current Safe Return to School Plan.

For the time being, the School District of Washington has not implemented any immediate changes or modifications to our current COVID19 Safe Return to School Plan protocols. This means optional masking, contact tracing, 10-day/modified "exclusion from the in-person school setting," distancing, and hand hygiene will continue to be implemented for students and staff.

We appreciate your support and understanding, and we will communicate updated information as soon as it is available.

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